

# Exodus 18:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

## Analysis

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### **And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel**

—Jethro's response to hearing God's works is joy (וַיִּיחַד, vayichad, 'rejoiced, was glad'). The phrase 'all the goodness which the LORD had done' (כָּל-הַטּוֹבָה אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה, kol-hatovah asher-asah YHWH) shows he recognizes Israel's deliverance as divine goodness, not merely political liberation. The specific mention 'whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians' identifies exodus as gracious rescue. Jethro's joy over Israel's salvation prefigures Gentile rejoicing at gospel news (Luke 10:17, Acts 11:18). His immediate worship response (v.10-12) shows that hearing God's works should lead to praising God. This models proper response: testimonies produce joy that issues in worship.

## Historical Context

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Jethro's joy represents first recorded instance of a non-Israelite rejoicing at Israel's redemption, previewing the Gentile inclusion theme that runs through Scripture culminating in Revelation 7:9.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What does Jethro's joy over Israel's salvation teach about participating in others' spiritual blessings?
2. How does hearing testimonies producing joy and worship model proper response to God's works?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּחַדֵּ	וַיְתֵר ו	עַל	כָּל	הַטּוֹב הַ	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה
rejoiced	And Jethro	H5921	H3605	for all the goodness	H834	had done
H2302	H3503			H2896		H6213
יְהוָה הַ	לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	אֲשֶׁר	הֵצִיל ו	מִיַּד		
which the LORD	to Israel	H834	whom he had delivered	out of the hand		
H3068	H3478		H5337	H3027		
מִצְרַיִם:						
of the Egyptians						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 12:15** (Parallel theme): Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

**1 Corinthians 12:26** (Parallel theme): And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.